



***MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPIST AND SOCIAL WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES***

***DATE:*** March 19, 2004

***PLACE:*** Department of Health  
310 Israel Road SE  
Olympia, Washington 98504

***Committee Members:*** Judy Roberts, Mental Health  
Susan Bogni, Public Member  
Alison Hadley, Social Worker  
Lisa Erickson, Mental Health Counselor  
Bethel Pittman, Public Member  
Joyce Gaidies, Public Member

***Staff:*** Traci Black, Program Manager  
Kitty Slater, Program Manager  
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director  
Peter Harris, Staff Attorney  
Hyon Yi, Program Representative  
Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

***CALL TO ORDER***

Lisa Erickson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as presented. No meeting minutes were ready for approval at this time.

Bob Nicoloff presented Laura Groshong with a certificate of appreciation for her service to the Licensed Counselors Committee.

## **PROGRAM REPORT**

**Budget** – The January 2004 budget reports for Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health and Social Worker was presented to the committee.  
The program will continue to monitor the budget.

**License/Complaint/Discipline** – Traci Black, Program Manager shared the following statistics: (As of March 10, 2004)

### **License Statistics:**

#### Marriage/Family Therapist:

Active-912	Expired- 79	Candidates – 127
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#### Mental Health:

Active-4052	Expired-242	Candidates – 392
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#### Social Worker:

Active-2837	Expired-186	Candidates – 406
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- Independent – 2763
- Advanced – 38
- No Designation - 3

### **Complaint/Disciplinary Statistics: (November 20, 2003 – March 18, 2004)**

#### Licensed Marriage/Family Therapist:

Total Cases Opened:	1
Total Cases Closed:	2
Total Active Cases:	4

#### Licensed Mental Health:

Total Cases Opened:	14
Total Cases Closed:	17
Total Active Cases:	38

#### Licensed Social Worker:

Total Cases Opened:	10
Total Cases Closed:	7
Total Active Cases:	14

**Legislation** – Bob Nicoloff reported that the Licensed Counselors Professions will not be affected by the bills that were recently passed.

**Interpretive Statement on Social Work Distant Supervision** – The Committee discussed the definition of “distance supervision” and the need for clarification. The Committee agreed to establish a sub-committee to better define distance supervision. Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General, will look into whether sub-committee meetings can be open or closed.

**Child Custody Evaluations** – Traci Black discussed with the Committee Members various aspects regarding complaints correlated with child custody evaluations. Ms. Black will report at the next meeting what the Board of Psychology is doing concerning the same issue. Committee Members agreed to gather information from various contacts to discuss at the next meeting.

**Newsletter** – Committee and Staff Members discussed what information should and should not be included in the newsletter. Committee and Staff Members agreed on the name of the newsletter to be titled “Progress Notes”.

**Committee Member Expired Terms/Vacancies** – Currently there is one vacant position in the Licensed Counselors Committee for a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. The position became vacant when Laura Groshong could no longer serve on the committee. Program staff has started the recruitment efforts to fill for the vacant Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker position on the Committee. Alison Hadley, Licensed Advance Social Worker, Brian Kennedy, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Susan Bogni, Public Member have terms due to expire on July 22, 2004. All three Committee Members are eligible for reappointment. Recruitment and reappointment efforts have begun for the Committee Members that have terms due to expire.

**Implementation Plans for Continuing Education and Disclosure Rules** – Continuing Education and Disclosure rules have been adopted as of March 22, 2004.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/ FOCUS**

This agenda item will postponed until sub-committee’s can meet and report.

## **RULES FORUM**

Traci Black, Program Manager, discussed clarification of supervision draft rules. The committee, along with members of the public in attendance, revised language to the supervision rules for Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health and Social Work. These draft revisions will be reviewed and incorporated into the rules as the Department deems appropriate.

Approved programs – Committee members will continue to work as sub-committee's to assist in drafting language for approved programs.

Dual Relationships – This discussion was postponed.

Draft Record Retention Rules – The committee discussed record retention rules and agreed to research national and local associations as well as other professions and report at June meeting.

Draft Retired Active Status – This discussion was postponed.

## **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

Any public comments were incorporated with the agenda items.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 11, 2004, in Kent.

## **REVIEW OF MEETING**

Kitty Slater reviewed the major points of the meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Traci Black, Program Manager

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Lisa Erickson, Vice-Chair